

# ...TUTers Gag Reporter

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the area, were permitted to speak for at least ten minutes.

Yet, moments later when I attempted to exercise every newspaperman's right, namely to ask a question, I was told:

"I am sorry, I cannot let you speak because you are not a resident of one of the three districts."

"Some of the people here have baby sitters and are anxious to get home."

This group that claims they are against "secret" meetings on the grounds that they want everything up and aboveboard, refused to let the press ask a question.

It is my opinion they erred. As an American newspaperman I should not have been denied my right to ask a question. Not in this country, at least.

The chairman may have elected not to answer the question, but should have accepted the question.

Russia's Gromyko was hissed and booed and was ridiculed by the audience when he addressed the Japanese peace treaty in San Francisco.

But, at least, he was given the opportunity to speak. That's the American way.

It is important to the people of this community to know if this is the same type of treatment that will be accorded the press if the three TUT candidates are elected to the City Council.

As a newspaperman, whether it be at a fire, a Sunday school picnic or at a political meeting, a reporter is the lips, the ears, the fingertips, and possessor of all other senses of those not able to witness the event.

This is a power delegated to a reporter by a newspaper subscriber each time the reader lays a nickel or a dime on the newsstand to buy a paper.

The question I had to ask was to have been directed at Frank S. Selover, president of the TUT corporation. I hereby charge him with not giving the people at the meeting all of the facts.

Mr. Selover, a former newspaperman himself and former editor of this newspaper, knows he was negligent in his duties in not giving his listeners all the information he had available.

He told the group that El Camino College could not be hurt if Torrance annexed the college as proposed by the three TUT candidates. He said that the other cities and towns were forever obligated to maintain El Camino College.

My question was this: "If this is true then, why is a special election on May 16 being called for the purpose of asking the people of the district for more money for the college? If the district already is obligated, as Mr. Selover claims, then why is an election necessary?"

I would have liked to have asked also, what will be the effect on the college's development program if the voters turn down the request of the college board of trustees for more money?

The president of the college and four members of the board of trustees have pleaded with the city not to annex the school because it would be detrimental to the college. The TUT candidates, apparently with Mr. Selover's advice, have refused to recognize the opinion of these school officials.

The chairman of the TUT meeting Friday night knew I had these questions on my chest. He apparently was not prepared to answer them because it would have weakened his allegations.

It was for this reason—the fear of having the real truth, the verifiable facts brought before their audience—that I was

## ...Fire

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the original fire was discovered.

Although the retail section of the market will be closed, Dean Barfield said that the meat-cutting department and the frozen food locker section would "open for business," allowing patrons access to their lockers.

While the disaster wrought considerable damage, the fire was not a spectacular blaze and only a few residents living adjacent to the market were aware of the fire.

## ...Victims

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ther than home construction in the slough area.

The amendment, formulated by Earle Lloyd, commission secretary, is now under advisement and probably will be submitted to the City Council in the immediate future.

Powell said that he will take aerial photos of the submerged region this week to submit as evidence to the council.

Draining of the region is practically impossible, Powell advised, because the Ellinwood Slough is much lower than all surrounding basins.

## Resident of Area for 36 Years Dies

Funeral services for Michael Edward Scanlon, 61, who died of a heart attack while at work Tuesday morning, were conducted Friday afternoon at the Stone and Myers Chapel.

Mr. Scanlon, who resided at 1505 Arlington Ave., had been a resident of Torrance for 36 years. He was employed at Columbia Steel.

The Rev. C. M. Northrup, First Baptist Church, presided at the services; graveside rites at Inglewood Park were conducted by the Order of Moose.

Surviving Mr. Scanlon are his wife, Mrs. Velma Henrietta Scanlon; a daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Cheek, Harbor City; a brother, George, of Pomona and two grandchildren, Sharon and Michael Cheek of Harbor City.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 a.m. at the Stone and Myers Chapel, 1505 Arlington Ave., Torrance. Burial will be in the Inglewood Park cemetery.

Mr. Scanlon was a native Californian, born in Pomona.

## BOY TAPS TAKE TO SNOW COUNTRY

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